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NEWSPAPERS

(1) WASHPOST (PENNY LERNOUX FROM BOGOTA) -- "COLOMBIA TO  
RECOGNIZE MPLA" (PAGE 11)

"COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT  
COLOMBIA INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE THE . . MPLA. . . .

"'WE HAVE OUR OWN POSITION ON ANGOLA,' SAID LOPEZ. 'I WILL  
RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AS SOON AS IT IS ESTABLISHED AS A GENUINE  
GOVERNMENT.'"

". . . LOPEZ TOLD REPORTERS THAT COLOMBIA HAS SPECIAL RELA-  
TIONSHIP WITH ANGOLA BECAUSE BOTH COUNTRIES ARE IMPORTANT  
COFFEE EXPORTERS. . .

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"ASKED ABOUT CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, LOPEZ REPLIED:  
THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT ONE OF THE COUNTRIES IN  
THE HEMISPHERE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN EXTRA-HEMISPHERE  
AFFAIRS,' A POINTED REFERENCE TO THE U.S.

"KISSINGER . . SEEMED UNPERTURBED BY THE COLOMBIAN'S REMARKS. . . ."

(LERNOUX CONTINUES, OUTLINING OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED -- MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, PANAMA CANAL AND U.S.-LATIN RELATIONS -- AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN BOGOTA. FINISHES PIECE WITH VARIOUS KISSINGER STATEMENTS DURING TRIP ON BRIBES AND PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT.)

(2) NYTIMES (KANDELL FROM BOGOTA) -- "COLOMBIAN REBUFFS KISSINGER OVER CUBA" (PAGE 3)

". . . PRESIDENT LOPEZ . . DECLINED TODAY TO CONDEMN THE INTERVENTION OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA AND SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SOON RECOGNIZE THE LUANDA GOVERNMENT . . 'AS SOON AS IT CLEARLY ESTABLISHES ITSELF.'

"THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE HAS INTERVENED OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE,' SAID LOPEZ, IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM. ASKED WHETHER HE WAS SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO THE U.S., THE PRESIDENT ANSWERED WITH A SMILE, 'I LEAVE THAT UP TO YOU.'

"THE SECRETARY . . HAS BEEN SOUNDING OUT THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS ON THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, . . HAS DENIED THE CUBAN ISSUE WAS A PRIMARY REASON FOR HIS TRIP, BUT . . HAS SAID THE U.S. WOULD NOT 'TOLERATE' THE SENDING OF ANOTHER CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ELSEWHERE.

". . .(LOPEZ) NOTED THAT COLOMBIA. . HAD A STRONG ECONOMIC INTEREST IN . . ANGOLA, ALSO AN IMPORTANT COFFEE GROWER.

". . . BOTH COLOMBIAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS NOTED THERE WERE NO SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BOGOTA AND WASHINGTON. MR. KISSINGER'S VISIT WAS LARGELY. . A UNCLASSIFIED

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COURTESY CALL, . . . ."

(KANDELL CONTINUES, DESCRIBING THE "UNUSUALLY HEAVY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS" FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT, DUE TO STUDENT CLASHES WITH POLICE AND DEMONSTRATIONS. WINDS UP PIECE WITH KISSINGER/COLOMBIAN DRUG DISCUSSIONS ("KISSINGER EXPRESSED 'GRATITUDE' FOR COLOMBIAN EFFORTS TO 'CURB FLOW OF DANGEROUS DRUGS. . .") AND PANAMA CANAL ("LOPEZ SAID HE THOUGHT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PANAMA WERE 'PROGRESSING IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER.'")

(3) CHITRIB (MACLEAN FROM BOGOTA) -- "HENRY RIPS NIXON TALK ON DETENTE" (PAGE 1)

"ATTACKS SEEMED TO COME FROM ALL SIDES FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER MONDAY AS HE REACTED SNAPPISHLY TO APPARENT CRITICISM FROM FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON ON THE POLICY OF DETENTE, AND RECEIVED A REBUFF OVER ANGOLA FROM COLOMBIA PRESIDENT LOPEZ.

"INFORMED BY REPORTERS OF NIXON'S REMARKS IN CHINA THAT IT WAS 'NAIVE' TO THINK THAT SIGNING A FEW DECLARATIONS WOULD BRING LASTING PEACE, KISSINGER SHOT BACK, 'HE SIGNED ENOUGH PRINCIPLES HIMSELF.' KISSINGER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER NIXON INTENDED TO CRITICIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND PRESIDENT FORD, AS IS WIDELY ASSUMED.

"'SLAP AT ME? -- INCONCEIVABLE.' KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS. 'THAT'S YOUR PREROGATIVE. I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO IT.'

". . . (NIXON'S) STATEMENT HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AS A SLAP AT THE WAY KISSINGER AND FORD HAVE CONDUCTED RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND ESPECIALLY THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. . . . RON NESSEN SAID. . 'WE DO NOT INTERPRET IT AS BEING CRITICAL OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.'

". . . LOPEZ GAVE KISSINGER HIS FIRST REBUFF OVER ANGOLA ON HIS CURRENT LATIN AMERICAN TOUR. . . . LOPEZ SAID COLOMBIA WILL RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET-BACKED FACTION IN ANGOLA 'SOONER OR LATER' BECAUSE ANGOLA IS A MAJOR COFFEE PRODUCER AND BRAZIL ALREADY HAS RECOGNIZED THAT GROUP.

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". . . 'THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME ONE OF OUR COUNTRIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE HAS INTERVENED OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE,' LOPEZ SAID. . .

"THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT INDICATED FURTHER DISPLEASURE AT THE APPARENT U.S. PREFERENCE FOR BRAZIL IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS. 'COLOMBIA DOESN'T HAVE TO GO ON ITS KNEES BEFORE THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA,' LOPEZ SAID.

"HE SAID COLOMBIA HAD NOT HAD ANY BURNING PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S. FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS. . .

- . ' IN COSTA RICA, KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO BE ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THE U.S. WILL STAND BY THAT SMALL. . REPUBLIC IN CASE OF EVENTUAL CUBAN-INSPIRED SUBVERSION. . ."

(4) BALTSUN (TREWHITT FROM BOGOTA) -- "KISSINGER RIDICULES TALK OF NIXON DETENTE ATTACK" -- (PAGE 2)

"SECRETARY KISSINGER HOOTED AT COMPLAINTS THAT . . NIXON HAD ATTACKED U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE. . . IN FACT, HE

ARGUED, NIXON'S VISIT WAS NEUTRAL ON THAT POINT AND OTHERWISE WAS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS.

"THE SECRETARY RESTATED, MOREOVER, HIS INTENTION TO FIND OUT FROM MR. NIXON WHAT HE LEARNED IN PEKING AFTER HIS RETURN HOME. SINCE MR. KISSINGER FIRST MADE THAT POINT LAST WEEK, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS EMPHASIZED ITS DISTANCE FROM MR. NIXON WITHOUT QUITE REPUDIATING MR. KISSINGER.

". . . MR. KISSINGER FINALLY CONFRONTED DIRECTLY ALL THE POINTS OF CONTROVERSY WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED ABOUT THE . . (NIXON) VISIT TO CHINA. POTENTIALLY THE MOST SERIOUS WAS THE JUDGMENT. . THAT NIXON HAD CRITICIZED SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE. . . . THE FORMER PRESIDENT (SAID) THAT PEACE WOULD COME ONLY WHEN NATIONS RESPECTED EACH OTHERS' RIGHTS. SOME CRITICS READ ALL THAT AS AN ATTACK ON MR. KISSINGER, . . AND ON . . THE (HELSINKI) CONFERENCE.

"'NONSENSE,' MR. KISSINGER SAID. 'THE WHOLE CONTEXT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. NIXON'S REMARKS W WAS A DESIRE TO BUILD ON THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. . .' THE FULL TEXT SUPPORTED THAT ARGUMENT, THOUGH CRITICS WOULD MAKE THE POINT THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINED VEILED CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION.

". . . WHEN THE INVITATION WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED, (THE SECRETARY) SAID, HE FEARED THE CHINESE WOULD USE IT TO NEEDLE THE FORD ADMINISTRATION FOR SLOW PROGRESS IN THEIR NEW RELATIONSHIP. INSTEAD, HE SAID, THE CHINESE CORRECTLY GAVE MR. NIXON A RECEPTION ONE PROTOCOL STEP BELOW THAT GIVEN MR. FORD. NOW, THE SECRETARY CONTINUED, HE BELIEVES THE INVITATION WAS A CHINESE ATTEMPT TO REASSURE THE U.S. THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL NOT BE IMPAIRED BY RECENT CHANGES IN PEKING'S LEADERSHIP.

". . . MR. KISSINGER SCOFFED AT SUGGESTIONS THE NIXON PERFORMANCE IN PEKING WAS AN ATTACK ON HIM PERSONALLY OR ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY. IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE, HE SAID, THAT MR. NIXON'S REMARKS COULD BE INTERPRETED THAT WAY. HE RECALLED THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF DETENTE WITH CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION WAS DEVELOPED DURING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION (AS WERE) . . MOST OF THE PRINCIPLES LATER APPROVED AT HELSINKI. . .

"MR. KISSINGER HAS HAD LITTLE HELP FROM THE WHITE HOUSE IN HIS DETERMINATION TO DEBRIEF MR. NIXON . . . THE WHITE HOUSE. . HAS TRIED TO AVOID THE SUBJECT. . . ."

(5) WASHSTAR (O'LEARY FROM SAN JOSE) -- "KISSINGER AIDES: NIXON REMARK MISINTERPRETED" (PAGE 4)

"THERE WAS HENRY KISSINGER, HAPPILY PUDDLE-JUMPING AROUND LATIN AMERICA WITHOUT TOO MUCH STRAIN EXCEPT TO HIS WAIST-LINE, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HIS FORMER BOSS, RICHARD NIXON, GAVE HIM A SEVERE CASE OF HEARTBURN FROM HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD.

"BUT MAYBE THE REAL VICTIM WAS PRESIDENT FORD.

"THE VIEW FROM KISSINGER'S AERIAL COMMAND POST IS THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MEDIA'S INTERPRETATION OF NIXON'S TOAST AS A SLAM AT . . DETENTE . . WILL HURT FORD IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY.

"KISSINGER SAID HE DID NOT THINK NIXON'S TOAST WAS AIMED AT FORD OR HIMSELF BUT RATHER AT CRITICS OF . . DETENTE. . 'IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME,' KISSINGER TOLD NEWSMEN, . . 'THAT NIXON WOULD ATTACK U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. . . I SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERPRETING THOSE REMARKS AS A SLAP AT DETENTE OR ME PERSONALLY. THAT INTERPRETATION IS A DISTORTION.' KISSINGER SAID. . THE CHINESE MAY HAVE BEEN NEEDLING FORD BY INVITING NIXON, . . THE BETTER TO SLOW DOWN . . U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE. BUT AFTER READING THE TOASTS. . , HE REALIZED NIXON'S RECEPTION WAS ONE NOTCH LOWER THAN THAT GIVEN FORD.

". . . KISSINGER WAS SUFFICIENTLY DISTRACTED BY LATER PRESS INTERPRETATIONS . . THAT HE TALKED TO HIS PRESS CORPS THREE SEPARATE TIMES. . .

". . KISSINGER APPEARS TO FEEL: NEWSPAPERS THAT SAID NIXON'S REMARK WAS AN ATTACK ON FORD AND KISSINGER MISINTERPRETED NIXON'S MEANING; . . NIXON'S WORDS HAD NO DEEP MEANING; . . THE NIXON TOAST WILL HELP REAGAN AND HURT FORD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. . .

"THE FLURRY CAUSED BY MEDIA INTERPRETATION . . CAUGHT KISSINGER BY SURPRISE. . . HE HAD. . APPARENTLY REGARDED NIXON'S WORDS AS STANDARD NIXON PROSE, WITH NO POLITICAL TIME-BOMBS. . .

"YESTERDAY MORNING THE NEWS SUMMARIES REACHED (HIM), AND HE (STATED) HIS CONVICTION THAT NIXON WOULD NOT ATTACK U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THEN HE READ THE TEXTS AGAIN AND TALKED TWICE MORE WITH REPORTERS. . .

". . . KISSINGER NOW IS AS BAFFLED AS EVERYBODY ELSE ABOUT WHAT NIXON WAS TRYING TO SAY. . . SOME ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE BELIEVE NIXON MAY HAVE 'WINGED' THE TOAST. ". . . A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT HOLDS THAT NIXON'S CHOICE FOR THE GOP NOMINATION IS . . JOHN CONNALLY, . . AND THAT (HE)

WOULD NOT BE ADVERSE TO LENDING CONNALLY AN OBLIQUE HAND.  
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". . . NIXON COULD HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT . . . THE TALKS ON MBFR (OR) . . THE WHOLE RANGE OF DETENTE. OR HE COULD HAVE BEEN STATING A PERSONAL AND CYNICAL DISBELIEF IN THE EFFICACY OF ANY INTERNATIONAL PACT UNLESS EVERY WORLD NATION UNDERGOES A MORAL AWAKENING. .

". . KISSINGER'S PARTY (ISN'T) SURE WHAT NIXON MEANT BUT (IS) SURE IT WAS THE ADMINISTRATION THAT GOT THE SHAFT. .

". . . LANDING IN SAN JOSE, KISSINGER ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER BARRAGE OF WORDS HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND. . . FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALEZ . . DELIVERED HIS ENTIRE SPEECH IN SPANISH, AND KISSINGER DIDN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD. . . ."

(O'LEARY WINDS UP WITH OUTLINE OF REMAINDER OF SECRETARY'S ITINERARY AND MENTION OF DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH "BROUGHT OUT THE BIGGEST . . SECURITY FORCE COLOMBIA HAS EVER MOBILIZED.

(6) LATIMES (NO JOHNSTON) -- TIMES CARRIES AP ITEM ON PAGE 4 WHICH IS VIRTUAL VERBATIM OF FREED'S WIRE STORY SENT IN S/PRS SUMMARY CABLE NO. 16 LAST EVENING. SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS IN COLOMBIA.

ON PAGE 16, IN AP BYLINED-PIECE ON REACTION TO NIXON TOAST, TIMES INCLUDED SECRETARY'S "IT IS INCONCEIVABLE . . ." QUOTE FROM BOGOTA.

WIRES:

1. REUTERS (NELSON FROM SAN JOSE): KISSINGER SCHEDULED A SERIES OF TALKS WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HERE TODAY FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF A PLANNED CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING.

U.S. OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER DESCRIBED THE SCHEDULE FOR TODAY'S TALKS AS 'INSANE.'

KISSINGER WAS TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA, IN ADDITION TO FORMER PANAMANIAN FOREIGN  
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MINISTER TACK.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE SCHEDULE FOR SEPARATE 30-MINUTE MEETINGS TODAY WAS INSANE, BUT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PRE-SERVE THE FACADE OF DIPLOMATIC NICETIES.

THE LATTER STAGES OF KISSINGER'S TOUR HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED, HOWEVER, BY A SEEMINGLY ARTIFICIAL DISPUTE OVER FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S CURRENT VISIT TO PEKING.

KISSINGER, ASKED ABOUT THE TOAST (NIXON'S IN PEKING), SAID IN BOGOTA YESTERDAY THAT IN NO WAY WAS IT A CRITICISM OF DETENTE OR OF HIS POLICIES.

SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS IN THE KISSINGER PARTY EXPRESSED OUTRAGE AT THE PRESS REPORTAGE OF NIXON'S REMARKS, DESCRIBING THE INTERPRETATION AS FRIVOLITY.

KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS IN BOGOTA THAT HE HAD READ THE TEXT OF NIXON'S PEKING TOAST AND FELT THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR DESCRIBING IT AS AN ATTACK UPON DETENTE.

KISSINGER ATTENDED A COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT RECEPTION HERE LAST NIGHT BEFORE HOSTING A DINNER FOR PRESIDENT ODUBER.

EARLY THIS MORNING, BEFORE HE OPENS HIS TALKS WITH THE REGION'S FOREIGN MINISTERS, HE WILL MAKE A QUICK TOUR OF THE CENTER OF SAN JOSE.

THE TALKS WILL BE HELD AT A COUNTRY HOTEL NEAR SAN JOSE. OFFICIALS HAVE SAID RELIEF FOR THE GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS, THE PANAMA CANAL, CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED.

KISSINGER LEAVES AFTER A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE. HE WILL FLY OVER THE GUATEMALAN DISASTER AREA BY HELICOPTER AND HAVE A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD IN GUATEMALA CITY.

2. AP (FREED FROM SAN JOSE): KISSINGER WINDS UP HIS LATIN AMERICA TOUR TODAY WITH MEETINGS WITH THE SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND A BRIEF LOOK AT THE DEVASTATION LEFT THE GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE.

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KISSINGER WAS TO HOLD INDIVIDUAL 30-MINUTE MEETINGS IN SAN JOSE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARGUA AND PANAMA. THEN ALL OF THEM WERE TO LUNCH WITH THE COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

THE BRIEF TIME ALLOTTED TO THE MEETINGS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE LARGELY COURTESY OCCASIONS. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH GEN. TACK, PANAMA'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR A NEW CANAL TREATY. BUT U.S. OFFICIALS SAID EVEN THIS CONVERSATION WOULD BE LARGELY A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED IN PANAMA.

KISSINGER ORIGINALLY AGREED TO STOP IN COSTA RICA AT THE

END OF HIS TOUR TO MEET WITH THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. BUT SENSITIVITY OVER THE WAY THE INVITATIONS WERE SENT OUT AND JEALOUSLY AMONG SOME OF THE COUNTRIES ABORTED THAT CONFERENCE.

THEN A FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WAS PLANNED. THAT ALSO FELL THROUGH, AND THE SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WAS ARRANGED.

A U.S. OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER AGREED TO THE FINAL IDEA BECAUSE HE WANTED TO COUNTER THE FEELING AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA THAT THE U.S. IGNORES THEM IN FAVOR OF THE LARGER NATIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

3. UPI (NO BYLINE, FROM SAN JOSE): KISSINGER TODAY TURNED TO A REVIEW OF THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE WINDING UP HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR.

TWO YEARS AGO KISSINGER AND TACK, THEN PANAMA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, SIGNED AN 8-POINT AGREEMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON CONTROL OF THE CANAL.

TACK IS NOW PANAMA'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AND THE TWO MEN PLANNED TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TODAY IN THEIR FIRST MEETING SINCE THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FEB. 1, 1974.  
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TODAY'S AGENDA INCLUDED PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA & COSTA RICA. KISSINGER ALSO SCHEDULED A HELICOPTER TOUR OF GUATEMALA.

RADIO/TV

1. ABC -- MORNING TV CARRIES NO MENTION OF TRIP BY EITHER DUNSMORE OR ANCHORMAN.

2. NBC -- LEW WOOD, "TODAY SHOW" MENTIONS IN SHORT REPORT THAT SECRETARY IN COSTA RICA TODAY, WHERE HE WILL HOLD MEETING" WITH SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS PRIOR TO SHORT STOPOVER IN GUATEMALA.

3. CBS -- HUGHES RUDD, MORNING TV, IN INTRO TO GUATEMALA AID PIECE, REPORTS KISSINGER IN COSTA RICA FOR MEETINGS WITH FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, "AS WELL AS WITH PANAMA'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IN TALKS WITH THE U.S. ON A PANAMA CANAL TREATY." . . .

IN GUATEMALA, RUDD REPORT", SECRETARY "EXPECTED TO PLEDGE MORE U.S. AID." . . .



4. "TOP RADTO CARRIES KEN FREED FROM SAN JOSE:

"TODAY'S STOP IN COSTA RICA FOR SECSTATE KISSINGER IS  
LARGELY SYMBOLIC, WITH ALMOST NO TIME SET ASIDE FOR  
SERIOUS WORK. ORIGINALLY, KISSINGER HAD AGREED TO COME TO  
COSTA RICA AT THE END OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR TO BE WITH  
THE HEADS OF STATE OF FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS. BUT  
THE ARRANGEMENTS COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT, AND THE STOP  
WAS DOWNGRADED TO A FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. NOW,  
EVEN THAT HAS FALLEN THROUGH, AND TODAY KISSINGER WILL  
SPEND ONLY A HALF-HOUR EACH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
OF EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA AND PANAMA.  
THE ONE TIME ALL THE OFFICIALS WILL BE TOGETHER WILL BE  
AT A BRIEF LUNCH BEFORE KISSINGER LEAVES. IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE MEAL, THE SECRETARY FLIES TO GUATEMALA FOR A  
BRIEF TOUR OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE THERE."...

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